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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **FOR THE TERRITORY OF GUAM**

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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12 Plaintiff,)

13 vs.)

14 HAROLD J. CRUZ and)
15 ERNEST Q. MUNA,)

16 Defendants.)
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8 **MAGISTRATE**
~~CRIMINAL CASE NO.: 05-00007~~

MOTION FOR DISCOVERY

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21 COMES NOW, Defendant Ernest Q. Muna, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully
22 requests an order requiring the United States Attorney to provide the discovery listed below by a date
23 certain established by this Court. This motion is brought pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules
24 of Criminal Procedure, the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, and the
25 accompanying memorandum of points and authorities.
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3 **I. MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**
4 **IN SUPPORT OF MOTION**

5 Under Rule 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, a party must file a motion for
6 discovery, otherwise the failure to file such a motion would constitute a waiver under Rule 12(e).

7 The rules of criminal procedure, along with the **due process clause** of the United States
8 Constitution, requires that a prosecutor must make an effort to obtain discoverable information for
9 the defense that is in the possession, custody, or control of other governmental agencies acting on
10 the prosecutor's behalf. A prosecutor must exercise due diligence to determine the existence of such
11 material and has an additional obligation to learn of favorable information in the possession of
12 others. Kyles v. Whitley, 115 S.Ct. 1769 (1995).
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14 Defendant requests production or disclosure of the following items for purposes of discovery:
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16 1. The Defendant's Statements.

17 Under F.R.Cr.P.16(a)(1)(A), the defendant is entitled to disclosure of all copies of
18 any written or recorded statements made by the defendant; the substance of any statements made by
19 the defendant which the government intends to offer in evidence at trial; any response by the
20 defendant to interrogation; the substance of any oral statements contained in the handwritten notes
21 of the government agents; any response to any Miranda warnings which may have been given to the
22 defendant (See U.S. v. McElroy, 697 F. 2d 459(2nd Cir. 1982)); and any other statements by the
23 defendant that are discoverable under F.R.Cr.P.16(a)(1)(A).
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25 The Government must reveal all the defendant's statements, whether oral or written regardless of
26 whether the Government intends to introduce those statements.
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3 2. Arrest, Reports, Notes, and Dispatch Tapes.

4 The defendant also specifically requests that all arrest reports, notes and dispatch or
5 any other tapes that relate to the circumstances surrounding his arrest or any questioning, if such
6 reports have not already been produced in their entirety, be turned over to him. This request includes,
7 but is not limited to, any rough notes, record, reports, transcripts or other documents in which
8 statements of the defendant or any other discoverable material is contained. This is all discoverable
9 under Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1963). See also, U.S. v. Johnson, 525 F. 2d 999 (2d Cir.
10 1975); U.S. v. Lewis, 511 F. 2d 798 (D.C. Cir. 1975); U.S. v. Pilnick, 267 F. Supp. 791 (S.D.N.Y.
11 1967); Loux v. U.S., 389 F. 2d 911 (9th Cir. 1968). Arrest reports, investigator's notes, memos from
12 arresting officers, dispatch tapes, sworn statements, and prosecution reports pertaining to the
13 defendant are available under F.R.Cr.P.16(a)(1)(B) and (C), F.R.Cr.P.26.2 and 12(I)

14 3. Reports of Scientific Tests or Examinations.

15 Pursuant to F.R.Cr.P.16(a)(1)(D), defendant requests the reports of all tests and
16 examinations conducted upon the evidence in this case, including but not limited to any fingerprint
17 analysis, that is within the possession, custody, or control of the government, the existence of which
18 is known, or by the exercise of due diligence may become known, to the attorney for the government,
19 and which are material to the preparation of the defense or which are intended for use by the
20 government as evidence in chief at trial.
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3 4. Brady Material.

4 The defendant requests all documents, statements, agents' reports, and tangible
5 evidence favorable to the defendant on the issue of guilt and/or which affects the credibility of the
6 government's case. Impeachment as well as exculpatory evidence falls within Brady's definition of
7 evidence favorable to the accused. U.S. v. Bagley, 473 U.S. 667 (1985); U.S. v. Agurs, 427 U.S. 97
8 (1976). This request specifically includes any information about out-of-court identifications of
9 defendant by percipient witnesses to this offense that may cast doubt on their reliability.
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11 5. Evidence Seized.

12 Evidence seized as a result of any search, either warrantless or with warrant is
13 discoverable under F.R.Cr.P.16(a)(1)(C).
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15 6. Request for Preservation of Evidence.

16 The defendant specifically requests that all dispatch tapes, or any other physical
17 evidence that may be destroyed, lost, or otherwise put out of the possession, custody, or care of the
18 government and which relate to the arrest or the events leading to the arrest in this case be preserved.
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20 This request includes, but is not limited to, any samples used to run any scientific tests and any
21 evidence seized from any third party. It is requested that the government question all the agencies
22 and individuals involved in the prosecution and investigation of this case to determine if such
23 evidence exists, and if it does exist, to inform those parties to preserve any such evidence.
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3 7. Tangible Objects.

4 The defendant requests, under F.R.Cr.P.16(a)(2)(C), the opportunity to inspect and
5 copy as well as test, if necessary, all physical evidence, other documents and tangible objects,
6 including photographs of buildings or places or copies of portions thereof which are material to the
7 defense or intended for use in the government's case in chief, or were obtained from or belong to the
8 defendant.
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10 8. Evidence of Bias or Motive to Lie.

11 The defendant requests any evidence that any prospective government witness is
12 biased or prejudiced against the defendant, or has a motive to falsify or distort his or her testimony.
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14 Pennsylvania v. Ritchie, 480 U.S. 39 (1987); U.S. v. Strifler, 851 F.2d 1197 (9th Cir. 1988).

15 9. Impeachment Evidence.

16 The defendant requests any evidence that any prospective government witness has
17 engaged in any criminal act, whether or not resulting in a conviction, and whether any witness has
18 made a statement favorable to the defendant. Such evidence is discoverable under Brady v.
19 Maryland, see also U.S. v. Strifler, 851 F.2d 1197 (9th Cir. 1988)(witness prior record); Thomas v.
20 U.S., 343 F.2d 49 (9th Cir. 1965)(evidence that detracts from a witness' credibility).
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23 10. Evidence of Criminal Investigation of any Government Witness.

24 The defendant requests any evidence that any prospective witness is under
25 investigation by federal, state, or local authorities for any criminal conduct. U.S. v. Chitty, 760 F.2d
26 425 (2nd Cir. 1985).
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3 11. Evidence Affecting Perception, Recollection, Ability to Communicate, or Truth
4 Telling.

5 The defense requests that any evidence, including any medical or psychiatric report or
6 evaluation, tending to show that any prospective witness' ability to perceive, remember,
7 communicate, or tell the truth is impaired; and any evidence that a witness had ever used narcotics
8 or other controlled substance, or has ever been an alcoholic. U.S. v. Strifler, 851 F.2d 1197 (9th Cir.
9 1988); Chavis v. North Carolina, 637 F.2d 213, 224 (4th Cir. 1980).

11 12. Name of Witness(es) Favorable to the Defendant.

12 The defendant requests the name of any witness who made an arguably favorable
13 statement concerning the defendant. Jackson v. Weinwright, 390 F.2d 288 (5th Cir. 1968); Chavis
14 v. North Carolina, 637 F.2d 213, 233 (4th Cir. 1980); Jones v. Jago, 575 F.2d 1164, 1168 (6th Cir.
15 1978); Hudson v. Blackburn, 601 F.2d 785 (5th Cir. 1979).

16 13. Statements Relevant to the Defense.

17 The defendant requests disclosure of any statement that may be relevant to any
18 possible defense or contention that he might assert. U.S. v. Bailleaux, 685 F.2d 1105 (9th Cir. 1982).
19 This includes in particular, any statements made by percipient witnesses about identifications of the
20 perpetrators of this offense in general and about the Defendant Ernest Q. Muna in particular.

21 14. Jencks Act Material.

22 The defense requests all material to which defendant is entitled pursuant to the Jencks
23 Act, 18 U.S.C. §3500. Defendant Ernest Q. Muna specifically requests pretrial production of these
24 statements so that the court may avoid unnecessary recesses and delays for defense counsel to
25 properly use any Jencks statements and prepare for cross-examination.
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3 15. Giglio Information.

4 Pursuant to Giglio v. U.S., 405 U.S. 150 (1972), the defendant requests that all
5 statements and/or promises, express or implied, made to any government witnesses, in exchange for
6 their testimony in this case, and all other information which could arguably use for the impeachment
7 of any government witnesses.
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10 **II. CONCLUSION**

11 Based upon the foregoing points and authorities, Defendant requests that the Court grant
12 the motion for discovery and issue an order requiring production of discoverable materials within
13 the possession of the Government, not already disclosed to the Defendant.
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15 Dated this 19th day of April, 2005.

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17 Respectfully submitted,

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